



Volunteer role  
Community Warden





We hugely value and appreciate the time that our volunteers donate to us, no matter how big or small.

As a charity, Earth Trust depends on the generosity of our supporters to carry out our vital work to champion accessible natural green spaces.

Volunteers are part of the family and are invaluable to us at Earth Trust.

In fact, we simply would not be able to get by without you!

## Become a Community Warden Volunteer

The Volunteer Wardens assist the Land Management Team with maintaining a visible presence on the Community Reserves we manage in order to ensure that they are safe and clean for people to use and also to act as a link between the charity and the local community.

### What does the role involve?

Visit a site once a week/once a month and check on specific features on the reserve e.g. benches are intact and not vandalised or gates are in good working order.

- Report any out of the ordinary things you think the Land Management team should know about.
- Provide an early warning about threats to the health and safety of the visiting public, such as fallen or broken tree branches; large holes in, or damage to footpaths; the presence of broken glass or other dangerous rubbish etc.
- Provide the Land Management team with details of any inappropriate behaviour or vandalism.
- Make a note of any interesting wildlife, flora and fauna, that you spot on your visit.
- Litter pick as you warden the Community Reserves.
- Use an online form to report back to Earth Trust after your visit to let the land team know how it went.

#### Time required

One hour per week  
at a time to suit you

#### Where

Wallingford Castle Meadows, OX10 8LG  
Riverside Meadows, Crowmarsh, OX10 8EA  
Mowbray Fields, Didcot, OX11 8SU  
Abbey Fishponds, Abingdon, OX14 3XW  
Thrupp Lake, Abingdon, OX14 3NG  
Tuckmill Meadows, Shrivenham, SN6 8EX  
Besselsleigh Wood, Besselsleigh OX13 5PU



## What skills and experience do you need?

We thrive on your enthusiasm for Earth Trust's work and mission!

Most of our volunteer roles do not require in-depth previous experience as we provide a full induction, but the following skills and attributes would make you particularly suited for this role:

- A love of walking and being outdoors
- Enthusiasm and can-do attitude
- Your own transport to get to our community reserve/s

You will be coming to volunteer in a beautiful setting and significantly contributing to the ongoing care of an important community reserves.



Volunteering has helped to keep me connected with the outside world and to give my days a structure and purpose

It has helped me learn new skills and make new friends as well.



## What support will you receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer and Safety Handbooks and are invited to Insight sessions, exclusive events for our volunteers.

You will have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training.





Together we can nurture and connect people to important green spaces

Our volunteers each have their own reasons for volunteering, but there are a myriad of benefits shared by all.





Whether it's gaining experience or putting an old skill into practice, meeting new people or doing something for the local community, there are loads of motivations for becoming an Earth Trust volunteer



Our volunteers come from all walks of life.

Earth Trust strives to be a diverse and inclusive place where we can all be ourselves and we are committed to equality of opportunity for all our staff and volunteers.

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact Nicola Williams, Volunteer Officer - 01865 407792  
Email: [volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk)

Would you like to join us?

# People at the heart of change of change

Earth Trust is a friendly, positive and collaborative place. You will be joining a dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about making a difference to climate sustainability, biodiversity, environmental impacts and health and wellbeing through engaging more people and making a positive impact.

Our volunteers' hard work and dedication was rewarded with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service the MBE for volunteer groups, in 2016.

## Your impact

Volunteers are integral at Earth Trust, assisting with all aspects of our work, from looking after our green spaces to helping people engage with the natural environment through events and education.

As a new volunteer you bring a fresh perspective and energy that is vital to us. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on any aspect of our work!

The work that Earth Trust undertakes, caring for this incredible landscape and using it to educate and connect, is so important and I'm very fortunate to be working towards our mission with a really brilliant team of people!

Lee Ann Norris, Head of Fundraising



Earth Trust has a team of approximately 200 active volunteers working across all aspects of the charity.

Find out more at [earthtrust.org.uk/support-us/volunteer](http://earthtrust.org.uk/support-us/volunteer)



I really enjoy the variety of people that I get to come in to contact with on a daily basis. People from all walks of life coming together for one common goal.

Nicola Williams, Volunteer Officer

Working with nature has really contributed to my mental well-being

Matthew, Volunteer



I like the idea that my working day can make a small contribution to the future of the planet. It is great to work with people who don't just hope we can do it but who are doing what they can to make it happen."

Kitty Cox, Major Appeals Manager

I have got to know many volunteers and it is nice to hear about their backgrounds. I know many of the staff and...they have a wide range of knowledge which they will always willingly share with myself and other volunteers. I always look forward to visiting Earth Trust...Basically it's a family.

Michael, Volunteer





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We seek a world where nature and people thrive in balance and where, as individuals, we all have a deep understanding of our environment, our place in it and our role in caring for it.

Ian Barrett, CEO

# Our purpose

We are facing a triple threat of climate change, loss of biodiversity, and a massive public health crises, made worse for those in disadvantaged communities who have little or no access to nature.

Our purpose is to inspire people to address these crises through the power of natural green spaces.

# Our vision

Our vision is a society where accessible, engaging green spaces enable nature and people to thrive in balance.

# Our mission

Our mission is to champion access and engagement with natural green spaces for everyone, so that together we take action for people and planet



Earth Trust has been working towards this for 40 years, but it has never been more critical than now.

**Demonstrate. Influence. Engage**





## More about Earth Trust

Earth Trust is an environmental learning charity with 40 years' experience in caring for and inspiring others with the natural green spaces. We believe that we all have a responsibility to care for nature and understand our role within our ecosystem.

But, for people to understand their environment, their place in it and their role in caring for it, they must have the opportunity to experience its power and nurture a deep connection.

Together with our supporters, Earth Trust is guardian of some extremely special and inspiring places full of nature and heritage.

We care for 500 hectares of woodland, farmland, wildflower meadows and wetlands, which receive 200,000 visits a year.

We use these amazing places to engage and inspire people and to demonstrate nature-based solutions to climate, biodiversity and public health crises, that we hope others will take and use elsewhere

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